

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Proceedings that occurred on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, may be found in Congressional Record of Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, focusing on the state of the terrorism risk insurance market, after receiving testimony from Peter J. Beshar, Marsh and McLennan Companies, and Robert P. Hartwig, Insurance Information Institute, both of New York, New York; and Erwann O. Michel-Kerjan, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes, Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL SERVICES IN INDIA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine assessing the investment climate and improving market access in financial services in India, after receiving testimony from Arvind Subramanian, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Center for Global Development, Chennai, India; and Richard M. Rossow, McLarty Associates, Alexandria, Virginia.

PRESERVE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need to invest in America's infrastructure and preserve Federal transportation funding, after receiving testimony from Sean T. Connaughton, Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Richmond; T. Peter Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, Michael P. Lewis, Rhode Island Department of Transportation Director, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and

Transportation Officials, Janet F. Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, Raymond J. Poupore, National Construction Alliance II, Kathy Ruffalo, Ruffalo and Associates, LLC, and Jack Schenendorf, Covington and Burling LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Gregory DiLoreto, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, Virginia; and Peter J. Basso, Peter J. Basso and Associates, LLC, Rockville, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, and Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Vince Girdhari Chhabria, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Pryor and Boozman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN SENIOR

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American senior, focusing on the changing retirement landscape for baby boomers, after receiving testimony from Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Paula A. Calimafde, Small Business Council of America, Bethesda, Maryland; Richard W. Johnson, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.; and Joanne Jacobsen, Venice, Florida.

DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine dan-

gerous synthetic drugs, focusing on unregulated forms of ecstasy, PCP and LSD, including S. 1323, to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, and S. 1322, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Klobuchar, and Grassley; Michael Botticelli, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Timothy Heaphy, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia; and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3172–3183; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64–65 ; and H. Res. 354–359 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–225);

H.R. 2848, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–226);

H.R. 1804, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress semiannual reports on the cost of foreign travel made by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 113–227);

H.R. 2374, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–228, Pt. 1);

H.R. 992, to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities (H. Rept. 113–229, Pt. 1); and H.R.

992, to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities (H. Rept. 113–229, Pt. 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line: H.R. 1961, to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 280 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 484 and **Pages H5810–15, H5823–24**

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, with an amendment: H. Res. 354, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, with an amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 367 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 485.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims and survivors of the flooding in Colorado. **Page H5824**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Ensuring that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rule-making proceeding: H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding and

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Amending the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums: H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums. **Pages H5821–23**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5808 and H5815.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5823–24, H5824–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, and Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine how newborn screening saves lives, focusing on the past, present, and future of the newborn screening system, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part II, focusing on promoting a 21st century workforce, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, and Beth Labson Freeman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Zachary Thomas Fardon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) legislation, 2 p.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "A Closer Look at Cuba and its Recent History of Proliferation", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Fulfilling A Key 9/11 Commission Recommendation: Implementing Biometric Exit", 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 59, Continuing Appropriations Resolution. The filing deadline for germane first-degree amendments to the joint resolution is 1 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 687—Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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